

Topic Name: Other Ideas

Idea Title **Expand internet service provider options**

Idea Detail I am not sure what is needed, but it would be good if we had more than two cable internet providers. Two is not enough to spur competition and give Rockville residents options and best prices. It would be great if Rockville's town government worked with RCN and Cox to bring some additional providers to the area.

Idea Author Leah W

Number of Stars 14

Number of Comments 6

Comment 1 Westminster isn't selling service, they are allowing ISPs to compete on fiber they make available. This will bring the residents of Westminster gigabit internet at lower prices then Verizon or Comcast charge for 40-50 times slower internet access. | By Michael H

Comment 2 I'm not a fan of the city selling service, but free citywide (low-bandwidth) wifi sounds wonderful. Combined with an aggressive search for additional options. (The Comcast/Verizon dichotomy is horrible.) | By Peter M

Comment 3 And, guess what? Westminster MD is getting gigabit Ethernet, . Westminster before Rockville? Weren't we supposed to be the high-tech center in MD? They have already signed up one ISP, Ting, and will be adding more so competition will reduce prices. | By Michael H

Comment 4 I agree completely. As someone who relies on fast, reliable service, the choices for Rockville residents are poor, at best. The addition of a ultra-fast 1gb/sec fiber network would not only be a boon the residents but also a very attractive feature for data intensive businesses who might be looking to relocate to Montgomery County. | By Sean P

Comment 5 Or better yet, provide city wide free access for slower service and then like the city above charge a premium for the faster service. | By Alex G

Comment 6 Rockville could be a provider. Chanute KS is rolling out ultra-high speed internet (1Gb) for \$40/mo. Worst case, it pays for itself in 10 years then brings in income that can be used for other city services. | By Michael H

Idea Title **Safer Bike Lanes**

Idea Detail When possible, I think it is best to have bike lanes next to pedestrian sidewalks with a landscape buffer to separate bike paths from streets for cars.

Idea Author Michael A

Number of Stars 12

Number of Comments 1

Comment 1 Please add a barrier protected multiuse path on the bridge crossing Rock Creek Path via Norbeck Road. - There is no safe passage on that bridge if you are not in a car/bus, and a physical barrier is necessary due to the high speed cars travel across the bridge. | By Leah W

Idea Title **"Stop For Pedestrian" signs confusing...**

Idea Detail In some cases, the signs that say "Stop for Pedestrians," the ones with small Stop signs on them, are causing confusion; drivers often stop for them when there are no pedestrians, which messes up traffic flow. NB South Stonestreet at Baltimore Road, for example - SB folks waiting to turn left onto Baltimore expect the NB traffic to move through the intersection, but often NB vehicles will stop and wait for the left-turners, which slows down everyone who's not expecting it. I've seen similar things happen at other intersections that have those signs. Rockville may want to consider a new design for those signs when they're due to be replaced. (For the record, not sure at how effective they are at getting people to stop for the pedestrians there in any case. LOL)

Idea Author Deb S

Number of Stars 6

Number of Comments 1

Comment 1 Agree! Those signs are so confusing. I've come close to rear ending people a few times because they stop there. | By Pete W

Idea Title **Tourist Information Center**

Idea Detail We need a tourist information center near Interstate 270 to bring more interest to the City. Rockville has such a great history going back to the Revolution, as well as, serves as a mecca for retail of all kinds. Yet, there is no directional/information signs or visitor center to encourage visitors. There should also be a concerted effort with the County to advertise the benefits and fun of visiting Rockville through all the established media, locally and nationally.

Idea Author Jim C

Number of Stars 3

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title **Lengthen left-turn lane on SB355.....**

Idea Detail "The left-turn lane from SB Rockville Pike (355) onto Park Road is often inaccessible because the left straight-ahead lane is often backed up so far that it blocks the turn lanes. A couple of years ago there was work done that widened it to 2 lanes all the way back, but if I have to sit through an extra light change (sometimes TWO if it's short-timing!) to get to the turn lanes to begin with, that doesn't help much. We were hopeful that this was being addressed when we saw the work started a few years ago, but dismayed when the median wasn't shortened to allow for a longer left-turn lane. Ditto the left-turn lane from WB First Street/911 (in front of the apartment building) to go West on Veirs Mill Road; that lane is often inaccessible as well. If these are State projects and not City ones, how to propose to the State, please?"

Idea Author Deb S

Number of Stars 2

Number of Comments 2

Comment 1 Deb, I have a contact for you at the Maryland State Highway Administration per your suggestion to lengthen the left turn lane on SB355. The assistant district engineer for the State's District 3 office for Montgomery County is Anyesha Mookherjee, who can be reached at

AMookherjee[at]sha.state.md.us. The City can suggest projects, too, but it's up to the SHA to implement them. | By Clark L

Comment 2 Deb, I've put this question to our Transportation Division and will let you know when I get an answer. The short (unofficial) one is that you are correct in that these intersections and rights-of-way are controlled by the State, though the County, so the City has little impact on how they are designed other than advocacy. | By Clark L

Idea Title **Open dark spaces for astronomy events**

Idea Detail I dimly recall several years ago that Redgate Golf Course was a meeting place for some group (which group it was eludes me, sorry) to watch the Perseid meteor shower one year. We weren't able to attend, and I've not seen a similar evening meeting suggested or done since. This past August I took the kids to Croydon Creek Nature Center to try to catch some meteors; we saw a couple before the floodlights came on and remained on and pretty much ended the show from there. Lunar eclipse was thankfully easily visible from home, but for meteor showers it'd be lovely to have one dark space, whether it's on the Civic Center grounds or at Redgate or even a neighborhood park like Maryvale (which is a pretty big piece of land) open specifically for the purpose of seeing things like that, and darkened for a time to make it possible to see better. Parks are currently closed after sunset (understandable why that would be the case for routine evenings). Maybe Parks & Rec/Croydon Creek could consider?

Idea Author Deb S

Number of Stars 0

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title **recycle**

Idea Detail "I just watched CCTV, a Chinese TV. The talk show talks about a young man left Microsoft went back his hometown, Chendoo (a Chinese city), Using his newest technology to design a perfect recycle system. The garbage becomes commercial products. This is the best recycle program I ever know. For example, kitchen left-over is dropped into enclosed stainless steel structure, no bad smelling, no touch, the end product is sold at high price. The farmers use this product can improve the highly polluted and almost dead farmland. I hope Rockville has the same concept, or if budget permitted, why not travel to Chendoo to have first experience. American are not that innovative for some points. We need new creative and practical thoughts, or we will become second class country."

Idea Author alice C

Number of Stars 0

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title **Use tree stumps or cut down trees to create bus stop seats**

Idea Detail There are a lot of bus stops around the area with no place to sit at all. Wouldn't it be great if people using these stops can relax on seats created using pieces of wood or stumps cut down by the city for maintenance reasons?

Idea Author Frances Y

Number of Stars 0

Number of Comments 0